

OLDHAM ATHLETIC



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ANGLO-SCOTTISH TOURNAMENT

Season 1979-80

LATICS v. BOLTON W.

Saturday August 4, 1979

Kick-off 3 p.m.



JIMMY FRIZZELL SAYS...

Given a share of the breaks, Latics can show they're a side which can command respect . . .

THE Anglo-Scottish tournament, in which we finished as runners-up last season, provides us with as stern a test as we could have wanted, in preparation for the battle for League points. A game at Boundary Park against First Division opposition, two matches away at Sunderland's Roker Park and at Gigg Lane, Bury.

So we're meeting teams from each of the top three divisions, and in addition the matches have their own attraction, especially in the fact that we are pitting ourselves against Lancashire neighbours and rivals. Two of the games, for both Bolton and Bury are clearly "just down the road".

Bolton have now flexed their muscles in the First Division, and stood the test; and they will be keen to show that they can come to Boundary Park and score a win against a team they left behind when they climbed out of Division Two. By the same token, our players are aiming to prove that they can match the opposition from Burnden Park.

NEW RECRUIT

OLDHAM gained a new recruit recently — someone who, they hope, will prove to be a real scoop. And for once, the headlines didn't concern a player, as Latics made their star signing, but a backroom boy who had already established his pedigree in the world of coaching.



For Bill Taylor, whom we welcome to Boundary Park, has been on duty regularly with the England team, and manager Jimmy Frizzell has no doubts that Bill will be a valuable acquisition to the staff at Boundary Park.

Bill first made his mark with Fulham, then he had a spell at Manchester City, and though he departed from Maine Road some time ago, he was still chosen to go on duty with England whenever there were international matches.

Now he's back in the day-to-day routine at club level, and this means that two Scots will be working closely together, for Jimmy Frizzell and Bill Taylor both came into English football from north of the Border . . . which is where Oldham's latest search for new playing talent took them, when they went for midfield man Bobby Thompson, of Morton.

Oldham's manager says: "We made a club-record offer for this youngster — in fact, we stepped up our bid twice, finally almost doubling what we had first offered."

WELCOME TO

BOLTON have been among the big spenders during the close season, with **Len Cantello** arriving from West Brom and **Dave Clement** from Queen's Park Rangers, and the combined fees coming to close on half a million pounds. In addition, Bolton had already signed Polish winger **Tadeusz Nowak**, and no doubt he will be making a bid to establish himself as a regular first-teamer.

On the debit side, **Peter Thompson** has bowed out, **Tony Dunne** has moved into American football, and **Sam Allardyce** has been made available for transfer, while **Frank Worthington**, who was among the League's leading marksmen last term, may well not be back from his summer soccer stint in the U.S.

Bolton, however, expect to have a fully-fit **Alan Gowling** back in action, after his close-season cartilage operation, while the signings of Cantello and Clement clearly add to Wanderers' all-round strength.

Bolton said good-bye to the Second Division at the end of Season 1977-78, and on their return to the top flight they finally banished any lingering worries about having to stage an escape act. In the process, they gained confidence for the future, and are clearly determined to establish their claims to a place in the honours lists.

Indeed, manager **Ian Greaves** could have moved to at least one other top-rank club during the past few months, but he proclaimed his faith in Bolton's future by staying at Burnden Park and building an even stronger team.

Bolton have made some costly excursions into the transfer market, and three of their players alone have cost something like £650,000, so they will be hoping to make this expenditure pay off in the shape of good results. We have lost one or two players — Les Chapman has gone, and Alan Young is with Leicester — while Ian Wood and Carl Valentine are not due back from the U.S. for a few weeks. But I believe we can give a good account of ourselves.

I know we had an uncomfortable spell during last season, and part of the reason was that we suffered from injury problems, while suspensions of players didn't help; yet there were times when we looked as if we could achieve something. And if we get a share of the breaks, I believe we can show that Latics are a side anyone must respect.

The players all know what I expect from them, and it is no secret that we are hoping to strengthen our squad with new signings. I hope we can show, from our display against Bolton, that Latics supporters will have something to cheer about as football swings into action again. For this is a game which can provide a pointer to the future.

O . . . BOLTON

A fair number of Bolton's players — Gowling, Worthington, **Willie Morgan**, **Paul Jones**, **Peter Reid**, **Neil McNab** (a big-money buy from Spurs) — have gained representative honours during their careers, and Cantello and Clement certainly add to the list of experienced men, while goalkeeper **Jim McDonagh**, a bargain buy at £10,000, has established himself since he arrived from Rotherham — which meant a long wait for **Terry Poole**, whom Ian Greaves took from Huddersfield.

Bolton have long been noted for grooming their own players, as well, and Reid, Allardyce, Jones, **Neil Whatmore**, **Roy Greaves**, **Mike Walsh** and **David Burke** come into this category, while **Peter Nicholson** cost only a small fee when he was signed from Blackpool.

Reid has been very unlucky when it comes to injury, and Bolton's long-awaited return to the First Division was not exactly a happy time for him, since he spent much of the season out of action. He will be hoping that this term things go better for him, and that he can confirm the great promise he showed during Bolton's promotion campaigns.

It has been mooted that Bolton still want to add one or two players to their squad, and while there will certainly be some new faces in their side today, there could be further additions in the very near future.

Even so, there is no doubt that Bolton have captured two players of tremendous ability in Cantello and Clement, and the Anglo-Scottish tournament matches will give manager Greaves a chance to see how other candidates for first-team places fare, as he aims for a settled side in quick time.

LATICS' FIXTURES

(HOME GAMES IN CAPITALS)

Aug. 18	Newcastle Utd.
Aug. 21	WREXHAM
Aug. 25	West Ham
Aug. 29	Lge Cup (2 — 1st leg)
Sept. 1	SUNDERLAND
Sept. 5	Lge Cup (2 — 2nd leg)
Sept. 8	Burnley
Sept. 15	PRESTON N.E.
Sept. 22	Luton Town
Sept. 26	Lge Cup (3)
Sept. 29	QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS
Oct. 6	ORIENT
Oct. 8	Wrexham
Oct. 13	Notts. County
Oct. 20	LEICESTER CITY
Oct. 27	Swansea City
Oct. 31	Lge Cup (4)
Nov. 3	NEWCASTLE UNITED
Nov. 10	Charlton Ath.
Nov. 17	FULHAM
Nov. 24	SHREWSBURY TOWN (1)
Dec. 1	Cardiff City
Dec. 5	Lge Cup (5)
Dec. 8	CHELSEA
Dec. 15	Bristol Rovers (2)
Dec. 21	BIRMINGHAM CITY
Dec. 26	Cambridge Utd.
Dec. 29	WEST HAM

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Jan. 1	WATFORD
Jan. 5	FA Cup (3)
Jan. 12	Sunderland
Jan. 16	Lge Cup SF
Jan. 19	BURNLEY
Jan. 26	FA Cup (4)
Feb. 2	Preston N.E.
Feb. 9	LUTON TOWN
Feb. 13	Lge Cup SF
Feb. 16	Queen's Park Rangers (5)
Feb. 23	NOTTS. COUNTY
Mar. 1	Leicester City
Mar. 8	SWANSEA CITY (6)
Mar. 14	Orient
Mar. 15	Lge Cup Final
Mar. 22	CHARLTON ATH.
Mar. 29	Fulham
Apr. 1	Birmingham City
Apr. 5	CAMBRIDGE UTD.
Apr. 7	Watford
Apr. 12	CARDIFF CITY (SF)
Apr. 19	Shrewsbury Town
Apr. 26	BRISTOL ROVERS
May 3	Chelsea
May 10	FA Cup Final

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TEAM CHECK

OLDHAM

- 1 PETER McDONNELL
- 2 RONNIE BLAIR
- 3 STEVE EDWARDS
- 4 MARK HILTON
- 5 KEITH HICKS
- 6 JOHN HURST
- 7 GED KEEGAN
- 8 VIC HALOM
- 9 JIM STEEL
- 10 SIMON STAINROD
- 11 PAUL HEATON

Substitutes:

JOHN PLATT (Goalkeeper)

Others to be announced

BOLTON

- 1 JIM McDONAGH
- 2 DAVE CLEMENT
- 3 PETER NICHOLSON
- 4 ROY GREAVES
- 5 PAUL JONES
- 6 MIKE WALSH
- 7 TADEUSZ NOWAK
- 8 NEIL WHATMORE
- 9 ALAN GOWLING
- 10 LEN CANTELLO
- 11 NEIL McNAB

Substitutes:

To be announced

Officials:

Referee: **K. S. HACKETT** (Sheffield)

Linesmen: **R. GUY** (Kirkby Merseyside) Red Flag

P. SUTER (Liverpool) Yellow Flag

Mr. Hackett commenced refereeing in 1960 in Sheffield, then via Yorkshire and Northern Premier League progressed to Football League line and full list. Has refereed the Northern Premier Cup Final and lined the 1975 Boys Club Final at Wembley. Also lined

for Finland v. Iceland 1976. Refereed 1978 Debenhams Cup Match. Senior linesman F.A. Cup Final 1979. Married with two sons, is a sales manager for a sliding door gear manufacturer. His interests are gardening, sports and walking.

READY FOR THE 'OFF' — THE ROUTE TO ST. JAMES'S PARK

LATICS begin their League season with two away games in the space of eight days, and the match against Wrexham at Boundary Park sandwiched in between. Which means that we kick off on Saturday, August 18, with a tough assignment at St. James's Park, where Newcastle United will be assured of a good gate . . . and, we hope, there will be a fair number of supporters arriving to cheer for Latics.

If you're intending to travel by road to St. James's Park, here is your R.A.C. route, and it starts on the A627 and the A627(M) to the M62 (four miles), then you take the M62 east to intersection 33, junction with the A1 (46 miles). From then on, it's the A1/A1 (M)/A1 north to Newcastle, and the total distance is 142 miles.

Newcastle United's ground is on the A696, (Barrack-road). Entering Newcastle on the A1, continue along High-street, over the Tyne Bridge to a roundabout where you go straight ahead.

At the next roundabout, take the second exit left into John Dobson-street, then left into Northumberland-street. At the mini-roundabout (Haymarket) turn left into Percy-street, then right at the roundabout into Gallowgate and on into Barrack-road. The ground is on your right.

And don't forget we hope to see you here when we play Wrexham on Tuesday, August 21!